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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLOS, MU  
SUBJECT: LOS - POSSIBLE APPROACH TO SULTAN OF OMAN

1. CHARLES BLACK, JR., WHOSE FATHER HAS INTERESTS IN OMAN, CALLED ON CLINGAN MAY 25 TO SUGGEST THAT OMAN MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO CHANGE ITS HARDLINE POSITION ON STRAITS IF A DIRECT APPROACH WERE MADE TO THE SULTAN. BLACK SAID THAT THE OMAN POSITION WAS GENERATED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, AND THAT THE SULTAN WAS UNAWARE THAT OMAN IS IN FACT ISOLATED ON THE ISSUE.

2. IT SEEMS TO US WORTH FOLLOWING UP THIS SUGGESTION WITH AMEMBASSY MUSCAT, AT LEAST TO ASCERTAIN VIEW OF THE AMBASSADOR. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING AN APPROPRIATE MESSAGE TO MUSCAT, IF YOU AND OMANI DESK PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION. YOU WILL PRESUMABLY WISH TO MAKE REFERENCE TO THE CONVERSATION AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON HAD WITH AN OMANI INFORMATION OFFICIAL AND AMBASSADOR MACKI IN EARLY APRIL AND  
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SUBSEQUENT REPORTING FROM MUSCAT OF OMANI REACTION TO OUR AIDE MEMOIRE. ONE QUESTION IN OUR MINDS IS WHETHER AN APPROACH TO THE SULTAN IS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE IN VIEW OF OUR RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OMANIS AND OUR CATEGORIC STATEMENTS TO THEM ABOUT PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF TRANSIT PASSAGE OF STRAITS.

3. PLEASE INCLUDE USLOSDEL ON MESSAGE YOU SEND TO  
MUSCAT.  
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